Thus it will be seen that representation is balanced and no change at this stage is considered necessary.

IMF loan

700. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided against availing of the soft loans recently earmarked for developing countries by IMF; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) IMF has set up a new facility called the Structural adjustment Facility (SAF) for utilisation of resources, available following the repayment of loan from Trust Fund. These resources estimated at SDR 2.7 billion which may be supplemented with Fund from other sources, will be used to provide additional balance of payment assistance on concessional terms to low income countries eligible for IDA resources and facing protracted balance of payment problems.

India has voluntarily opted no to avail itself of this Facility for a period of five years. The main consideration which led to this decision was that there were several low income countries in very difficult and dire economic situation and that every thing possible needed to be done to help such countries. This decision was taken on the assurance that it would not adversely affect the availability of concessional development finance for other low income countries (like India) not utilising Trust Fund.

Rehabilitation of bonded labourers in Samastipur, Bihar

701. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the date on which 445 bonded labourers of Bauda village in Samastipur District of Bihar requested the Bihar Government for rehabilitation and what is the present position; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of repeated orders by the Supeme Court of India for their rehabilitation, they have not been rehabilitated yet ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Necessary information has been called for from the Government of Bihar and, on receipt, will be laid on the Table of the House.

CPWD Unions

702. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2303 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1986 and state :

(a) what were the clarifications sought for by different Unions;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of these Unions submitted the list of members, etc.;

(c) if so, the names of the Unions and membership claimed by each one of them according to different categories of workers in different Zones of C.P.W.D. ;

(d) whether any action was taken by the Assistant Labour Commissioners on these claims ;

(e) whether any notice was issued to any Union of CPWD workers in Calcutta and Shimla; and